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COMPONENT RECOGNIZING METHOD  
AND APPARATUS AND COMPONENT  
MOUNTING METHOD AND APPARATUS  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend  
the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly replace the original abstract (page 114) with the enclosed substitut  
abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the following claims:

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1.(Amended) A component recognizing method for recognizing with one  
recognition unit surfaces to be recognized of a plurality of components held by a plurality  
of component holding members which are vertically moved selectively by a single drive